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1. THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE TODAY APPROVED TPSC 77-40, AS AMENDED. THE DRAFT PAPER WAS HAND-CARRIED TO GENEVA BY LANCE GRAEF. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, THE RECOMLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENDATION SECTION IS REPEATED BELOW. ONLY MINOR CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE OTHER SECTIONS.

- 2. RECOMMENDATIONS. GENERAL GUIDANCE. THE US DELEGATION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY TPSC 76-31 AND TPSC 76-50.
- 3. STATUS OF OFFERS AND CONSULTATIONS.

- (A) THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD REITERATE THE U.S. POSITION THAT IT IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE UNILATERAL TRADE CONCESSIONS IN THE MTN. IF OTHER DELEGATIONS PROPOSE PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, THE U.S. DELEGATION MAY STATE THAT WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH CONSULTATIONS, AS APPROPRIATE.
- (B) IF APPROPRIATE, THE U.S. DELEGATION COULD ANNOUNCE THAT IT IS NEGOTIATING ON SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS OFFER IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.
- (C) AS APPROPRIATE, THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD REPORT GENERALLY ON THE CONSULTATIONS IT HAS HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE GROUP AND COULD REITERATE ITS READINESS TO ACHIEVE MORE PROGRESS IN CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
- 4. FINALIZATION OF U.S. OFFERS.
- (A) THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY TPSC 76-50, RECOMMENDATION 4. HOWEVER, THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD NOT RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVISIONAL IMPLEMENTATION (TPSC 76-50, RECOMMENDATION 4(C)) PRIOR TO OR IN THE COURSE OF THIS TPG MEETING.
- (B) THE U.S. DELEGATION MAY REITERATE THAT THE U.S. OFFER WAS NOT TABLED ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS". WHILE THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, IT HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINALIZE ITS OFFER AT THIS TIME. IT SHOULD INDICATE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT PART OF THE U.S. OFFER WHERE SUFFICIENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE AGREED UPON BY LDCS THAT BENEFIT SUBSTANTIALLY FROM U.S. CONCESSIONS ON THESE PRODUCTS.

- 5. PROMOTING FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.
- (A) AS APPROPRIATE, THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD STATE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND CAN CONTINUE TO BE MADE UNDER THE CURRENT PROCEDURES. AS PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED, THE DELEGATION SHOULD WORK TO DISCOURAGE ANY NEW PROCEDURES THAT TAKE THE FORM OF THE ASEAN PROPOSAL (MTN/TP/19).
- (B) THE U.S. DELEGATION, AS APPROPRIATE, SHOULD REITERATE ITS POSITION ON NONTARIFF MEASURES (TPSC 76-31, PARAGRAPH 2(I)).
- (C) THE U.S. DELEGATION MAY JOIN A CONSENSUS ON A

STOCK-TAKING EXERCISE BASED ON A GATT SECRETARIAT UPDATE ON THE PAPERS PREPARED IN GROUP 3(F).

(D) THE U.S. DELEGATION COULD AGREE TO A TPG REVIEW OF PROGRESS MADE IN OTHER GROUPS ON THE REQUESTS MADE IN THE TPG BY TPG PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH VIII OF MTN/TP/1. CHRISTOPHER

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